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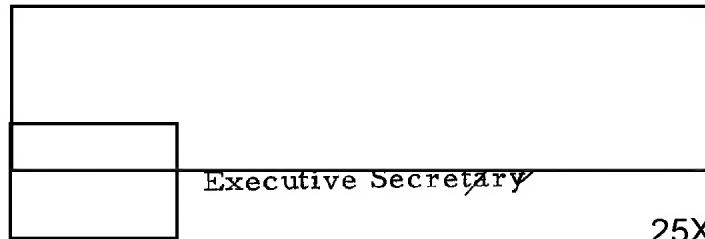
MEMORANDUM FOR USIB PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT : Correspondence Between the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence Concerning IAP-64

REFERENCES : a. IAP-64, "Intelligence Assumptions for Planning-Soviet Military Forces Through Mid-1970"
b. USIB-M-336, item 5, 15 July 1964

Mr. McCone has requested that the attached exchange of letters concerning IAP-64 (reference a.) be forwarded to the USIB principals for their information.

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Attachment A
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The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of 24 October concerning IAP-64: Intelligence Assumptions for Planning - Soviet Military Forces Through Mid-1970. I am glad to know that you found this document useful, and will with pleasure pass on your remarks to the members of the United States Intelligence Board.

We too have been thinking about ways in which this document might be improved in the future. With respect to the particular suggestions contained in your letter, we have already devised a procedure for updating the IAP. We plan to revise the first three sections immediately after the appearance of the pertinent NIEs; Section I, on Strategic Attack Forces, is currently being done. The remainder of the paper will be updated immediately after the publication of the NIEs on Soviet Military Policy and Soviet Foreign Policy, or for the present cycle, in the spring of 1965. We are also mindful of the need to correlate economic and order of battle information, and we plan to take advantage of your offer to make available data on the costs of US weapons systems to assist us. Finally, it is our objective over the longer term to make the document as comprehensive as possible.

I will look forward to receiving your more detailed comments and suggestions on the IAP.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

John A. McCone
Director

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